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Division Ale House

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The bar presents a beer-spiked menu featuring a kimchi-stuffed brat steamed in Goose Island Kisetsu with a side ($6); chocolate stout cherry pie ($5.99) and more as Goose Island certified cicerone Rick Wildt introduces rare offerings ($8-$12 per draft) such as Bourbon County stout, Big John imperial stout and the aforementioned Kisetsu saison. 4 p.m.-2 a.m.; kitchen closes at midnight.

DRINK

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BOURBON & BEATS

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DO

TALES FROM THE PUNCHBOWL

Punch House

1227 W. 18th St. 312-526-3851

Local publishing house Curbside Splendor helps you combat sub-freezing temps with a warm night in this basement bar where authors Anne Marie Wirth Cauchon ("Nothing") and Russ Woods ("Wolf Doctors") and poet Daniela Olszewska ("Citizen J") read from their new books. 7-9 p.m. No cover.

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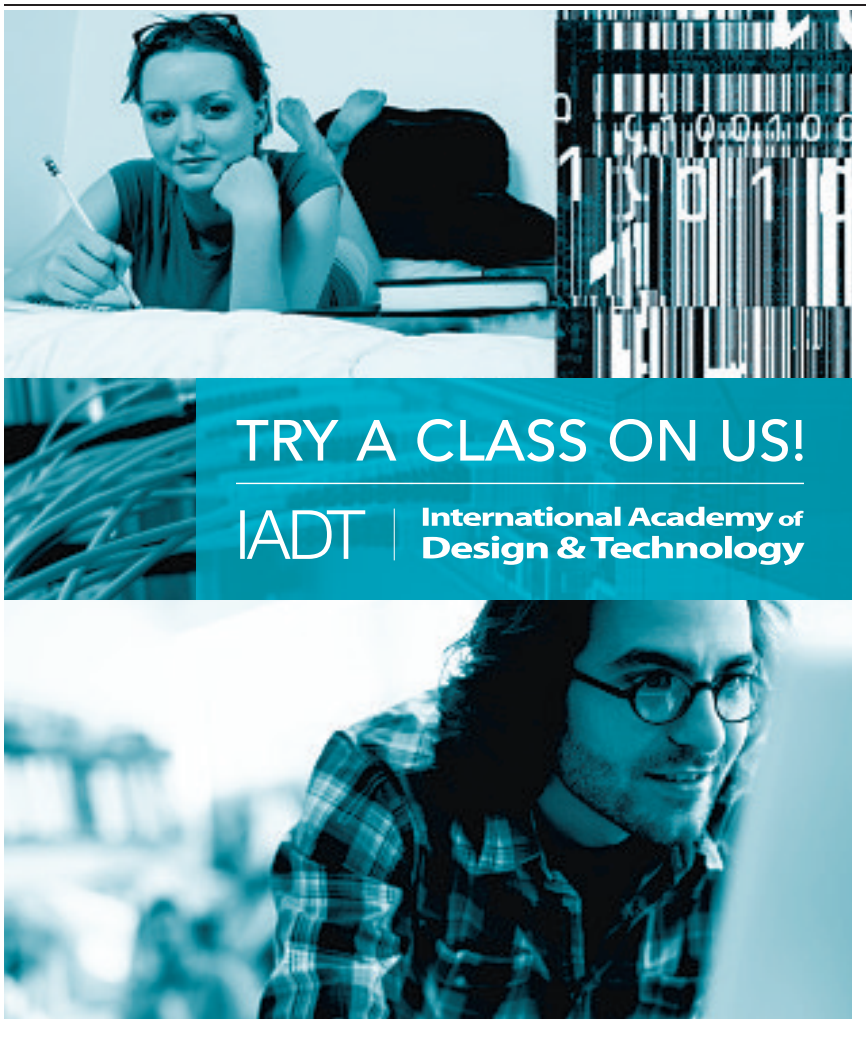

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Artist's rendering of Bandringa, a 310-million-year-old shark
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Sharkcago?

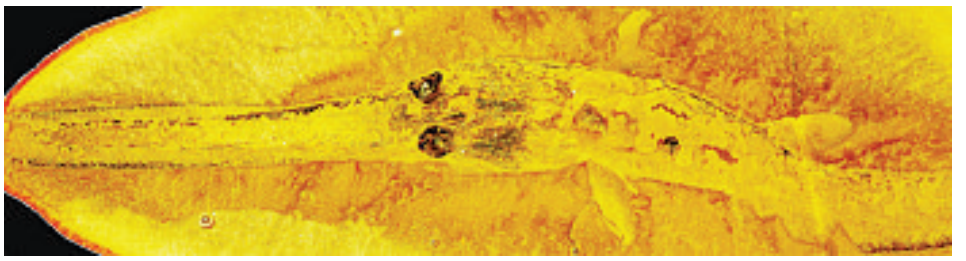
Illinois used to be home to prehistoric 'nursery,' new research shows

Chicago Tribune

Not far from Chicago, in a region now dominated by corn fields and white-tailed deer, scientists say they've found fossil evidence of a "shark nursery" where prehistoric predators hatched.

The finding, which challenges long-held notions about ancient marine life, highlights a collection of prized local fossils preserved for more than 300 million years by a rare geologic process and then brought to the surface in recent decades by coal mining.

Michael Coates, a University of Chicago evolutionary biologist, said the Bandringa sharks likely spent most of their adult lives in the rivers that run through present-day Ohio and Pennsylvania, citing fossils found in those states in recent decades. But Coates and a colleague suggest that the long-snouted critters laid their eggs and spent the early part of their lives in shallow coastal waters, such as the sea that once covered Illinois' Mazon Creek area and much of the Midwest.



A fossil impression left by a 4-inch juvenile Bandringa shark UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The Illinois fossils were found in Will County in the 1960s and '70s as strip mining altered the landscape south of Chicago. Coal companies would discard piles of dirt rich with fossils, said Paul Mayer of the Field Museum, and allow people to pick through the churned earth.

Amateur archaeologists and experts alike combed through the piles, and many of the fossils they brought home ended up at the Field Museum, which has the two Illinois samples studied by Coates and his co-author, a public display about Mazon Creek and thousands of the region's specimens in storage.

A paper by Coates and fellow researcher Lauren Sallan analyzed two Bandringa samples from Mazon Creek originally identified by scientists as separate species. The juvenile sharks, just 4 to 6 inches long, had pronounced spoon-billed snouts that stretched half as long as their bodies and, Coates said, "looks a little bit like the things you see today in sturgeon, paddlefish." Their findings suggest that the two sets of fossils are in fact members of the same bottom-feeding species and a juvenile version of the adult sharks found fossilized in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

That young Bandringas—but not adults—have turned up in Illinois and adult ones—but not their offspring—were found farther east suggests that the sharks thrived in freshwater but used saltwater havens (like the one south of present-day Chicago) as a "shark nursery" to lay eggs and allow young animals to live safely, Coates and Sallan said.

Although no sharks living today are known to travel from freshwater to saltwater to lay their eggs, most sharks do use shark nurseries.

"Almost all sharks and their relatives today use nursery waters," Sallan said. "They usually use an environment very near the shore because the shallow area protects the juveniles from other sharks that may be too big to enter them."

The findings, both scientists say, were possible only because of the fossils found south of Chicago, which are renowned in scientific circles even if they're unknown to many locals. Coates said he first learned about the fossils as a graduate student in the United Kingdom and was eager to study them himself when he arrived here.

"The Mazon Creek fossils are world famous," he said, "and it's on Chicago's doorstep."

The season for bitterness

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On New Year's Day, I spent hours fielding calls and texts from friends. Not because they were interested in hearing about my night out or wishing me a happy New Year. No, instead they wouldn't leave me alone because all of them—specifically the single ones—wanted to talk about how it seems that everyone, just everyone, is in love and engaged. And I could only agree.

Since roughly Halloween, I have felt that the universe is playing some mean trick on us single people. It seems like each day, as the temperatures plummet, another person announces his or her engagement on Facebook. And the passage of marriage equality in Illinois *definitely* hasn't helped.

(Note: I admit this trend isn't so much the universe's mean trick as it is the fact that more than 33 percent of engagements take place between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, according to **weddingwire.com**.)

Toward the end of November, I was doing fine. I would even "like" some of the photos and congratulate the happy soon-to-be-married couples. But as Engagement Month (aka December) wore on, it got snowy, I stayed single, and the cold wasn't all that was bitter in Chicago.

There are some theories out there as to why the cold months bring on the relationships and engagements. Some believe in hibernation, meaning that just like other mammals, we as humans begin to look for someone to help keep us warm as a way of survival when it becomes cold. Then of course there is the theory of "cuffing season"—the time of year we find someone just to get us through the most indoorsy of months, and only those months. Others argue that the holidays usher in a desire to bring someone home so you can stop evading the "So, when are you going to settle down?" questions from nosy relatives.

But with all this love and these engagements

GETTY IMAGES

floating around my social media networks, I am left to question: Does all this love actually stay or, like snow, does it just melt away?

Well, according to data compiled in 2008 by **edivorcepapers.com**, it melts. The website reported that January is the month with the highest divorce rate in the U.S., which sort of makes it Christmas for divorce lawyers each year. (Hm, I don't see anyone posting about THIS on Facebook!)

Some cite too much time cooped up with their partners as an explanation. Others look to the pressures that rise after meeting a partner's family. Then there are those who blame lack of money due to the holidays as a contributor for breakups, which makes sense—dating can be expensive.

It seems no matter how you look at it, winter is all about couples. Whether it's engagements or breakups, these damn couples just won't let us single people sit here in the cold with our cookie dough and Netflix all by our lonesome.

Whether you're experiencing Facebook engagement fatigue, angry about a breakup or just bummed because Chicago is now colder than the South Pole, bitterness seems to be the one thing all singles have in common this time of year.

It's time we all just embrace the bitter and focus on the fact that summer is almost here. (And by "almost," I mean five or six months away.) I hear there is this whole world outside of Facebook that isn't defined by "likes" and status updates. But that could just be a rumor.

ZACH STAFFORD IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

TUMBLR THURSDAY

3 TO TRY

You know the drill by now—if you're not following these Tumblrs already, you should be. Have a suggestion for a Tumblr to feature? Send a tweet to **@jessicagalliart**. —JESSICA GALLIART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

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lolmythesis.com

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CORRECTIONS

Waves as high as 49 feet can form off the cost of Belharra-Perdun, France. A caption on Page 10 on Wednesday gave the incorrect height of the waves that can form in certain climatic conditions.

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THURSDAY 25/25 Not too bad

FRIDAY 35/34 Rain? Really?!

SATURDAY 35/28 Yes, rain.

FYI Chicago will see its first cider-centric bar, The Northman, open this spring in Ravenswood.

Cardinal Francis George
NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE FILE

Church to hand over abuse files

Chicago Tribune

In the 11 years since Kathy Laarveld learned her son had been molested by their parish priest, she has wanted the Catholic Church to come clean and disclose how it ultimately handled the allegations against its clergy.

She didn't waver in her position seven years ago, when the Chicago Archdiocese reached a monetary settlement with her son. She also didn't relent when it substantiated allegations that the priest molested him in the early 1980s, when he was an 8-year-old having his Communion party.

"There are so many people who think the church did nothing wrong or that they did the best they could at the time," she said. "I don't believe that. I want people to see exactly what happened and how these priests were protected."

Laarveld's wish soon will be granted. In a letter to parishioners of the Chicago Archdiocese, Cardinal Francis George announced this week that documents on substantiated abuse claims linked to at least 30 current and former archdiocese priests will soon be made public. He apologized to the victims for the abuse they suffered, as well as to "rank-and-file Catholics who have been shamed" by the scandal.

Those files will be turned over to a prominent plaintiff's attorney next week as part of an agreement dating to 2005 and could be made public as soon as month's end.

Most of them pertain to decades-old incidents, all of which were reported to civil authorities and resulted in settlements between the church and the accusers, George said. His letter to parishioners was first posted online this week and is expected to appear in parish bulletins this weekend.

The disclosure will provide the broadest look yet at how the country's third-largest archdiocese handled abuse claims in recent decades, in addition to offering detailed accounts of the pain endured by dozens of victims. While many advocates welcome the long-sought documents, others worry they will reopen old wounds for a church that has been trying to move past an international scandal.

"Almost all of the incidents happened decades ago, perpetrated by priests whom neither I nor many younger clergy have ever met or talked to," George writes.

"Nevertheless, the publication puts the actions of these men and the Archdiocese itself in the spotlight. Painful though publicly reviewing the past can be, it is part of the accountability and transparency to which the Archdiocese is committed."

Homicides from Dec. 30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday

HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz
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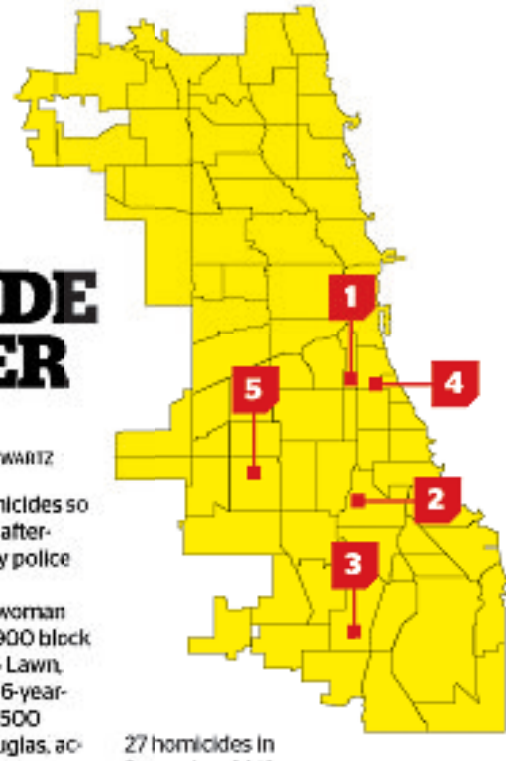

Chicago has logged three homicides so far this year, as of Wednesday afternoon, according to preliminary police information.

On Monday, an 18-year-old woman was stabbed to death in the 2900 block of West 63rd Street in Chicago Lawn, police said. One day earlier, a 16-year-old boy was fatally shot in the 500 block of East 38th Place in Douglas, according to officials.

On Friday, a 30-year-old man was shot to death in the 300 block of West 114th Street in Roseland, police said.

Forty-four homicides were logged in January 2013, tied with June for the fourth-deadliest month of 2013, RedEye determined.

Meanwhile, December ended last week with 40 homicides, up from 27 homicides in December 2012, according to RedEye data. On the last day of the year, two homicides were logged.

A 25-year-old man was fatally shot in the 3700 block of South Wells Street in Armour Square, and a 26-year-old man was shot to death in the 7100 block of South Vincennes Avenue in Greater Grand Crossing, according to officials.

1 3700 BLOCK OF S. WELLS ST.
Date: Dec. 31 **Cause:** Gunshot

2 7100 BLOCK OF S. VINCENNES AVE.
Date: Dec. 31 **Cause:** Gunshot

3 300 BLOCK OF W. 114TH ST.
Date: Jan. 3 **Cause:** Gunshot

4 500 BLOCK OF E. 38TH PL.
Date: Jan. 5 **Cause:** Gunshot

5 2900 BLOCK OF W. 63RD ST.
Date: Jan. 6 **Cause:** Stabbing

EXPRESS LINES

» Seven people were hurt, one critically, and more than a dozen people were rescued from windows when an extra-alarm fire broke out Wednesday in an apartment building in Edgewater Beach, officials said.

» Erie Street will be closed to through traffic between St. Clair Street and Fairbanks Court for up to four months to accommodate construction of a pedestrian tunnel to connect buildings at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, officials said Wednesday.

» An apparently human skull was found by workers Wednesday at a two-flat in Logan Square, according to police. TRIBUNE

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A Satanist statue at the Okla. Capitol?

A religious group believes it has an idea that could "complement and contrast" the Ten Commandments monument located on Oklahoma state Capitol grounds: a 7-foot-tall statue of Satan, depicted as a Baphomet—a goat-headed figure with wings and horns—sitting on a pentagram-adorned throne with smiling children at its side.

On Monday, the New York-based religious group Satanic Temple submitted its application for the monument to the Oklahoma Capitol Preservation Commission, which oversees the Capitol grounds in Oklahoma City.

Satanic Temple argues that if the Legislature could authorize the Ten Commandments monument, then a statue of Satan should also be permitted. The monument would be both an "homage" to Satan and a symbol of religious freedom, Satanic Temple spokesman Lucien Greaves told the Los Angeles Times.

"More than anything, we feel our monument is meant to be a historical marker celebrating the scapegoats, marginalized and demonized minority," he said.

In August, the Oklahoma chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union sued the state to remove the Ten Commandments monument because "the state needs to get out of the business of endorsing religion," said Brady Henderson, legal director of the chapter.

The stone monument, which also features a bald eagle and an American flag, lists the commandments under "I am the Lord thy God."

Last month, the Oklahoma Capitol Preservation Commission put a moratorium on deciding new monument requests, Trait Thompson, commission chairman, told The Times.

"We just didn't feel prudent at this juncture to be considering other monuments ... when the Ten Commandments monument is under review by the state Supreme Court," he said.

Though the ACLU is opposed to all religious monuments on public property, Henderson said, the organization believes the Satanic Temple's monument has "every right to be there."

"For us ... it's about respecting the idea that government shouldn't endorse religion in the first place," he said. "But if that's unavoidable, it needs to at least be neutral."

Fans of British comedy group Monty Python strut their stuff Tuesday during the International Silly Walk Day in Brno, Czech Republic. GETTY IMAGES

Former Rep. Giffords goes skydiving

Former U.S. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who is still recovering from a shooting rampage that left the Arizona Democrat badly wounded with a gunshot to the head, went skydiving Wednesday to mark the third anniversary of the attack, according to an NBC journalist who accompanied her.

Did N.J. staffer cause revenge gridlock?

Recently released emails suggest a top staffer for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was involved in a move to close lanes of the George Washington Bridge in September, effectively gridlocking a town whose mayor did not support Christie's re-election campaign.

Turkey purges 350 police officers

A power struggle between Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and an exiled Muslim cleric sharpened Tuesday, with the government purging 350 police officers involved in the anti-corruption sweeps that have netted figures close to Erdogan.

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Frank Thomas after being elected to the Hall of Fame
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They're in. Case closed.

All the Frank Thomas and Greg Maddux doubters need to shut up

It's the sports equivalent of that hot girl/guy calling you. As of Wednesday, Frank Thomas and Greg Maddux are done waiting for that moment: The Chicago legends were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The inductions are July 27 in Cooperstown, N.Y. Maddux, who began his 23-year career with the Cubs, finished with 97.2 percent of the vote by members of the Baseball Writers Association of America. Thomas, who spent the first 16 years of his 19-year career with the White Sox, garnered 83.7 percent of the vote. We asked two baseball fanatics to tell us why these calls were no-brainers. REDEYE

How Thomas became my hero

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The dictionary defines "hero" as "a mythological or legendary figure endowed with great strength or ability," "the central figure in an event," or simply as "a person who is greatly admired." My childhood hero had superhuman strength, was the central figure in the White Sox lineup for 15 years and despite not sporting a cape or wearing a cowl, HE WAS THE BATMAN.

For most Sox fans, Thomas' countdown to baseball immortality began when he announced his retirement. But for me it began in 1989—the first time I saw him take batting practice. After signing a home run ball I snagged, I nervously proclaimed to him that he would be the best ever.

He thanked me, shook my hand and said, "I'll try to be."

Mission accomplished! Beyond every statistical feat, dinger or other game-winning heroic, there were memories too great in number to scribe.

His last in a Sox uniform came in an injury-plagued 2005. Thomas sparked a struggling offense when, despite playing on a broken ankle, he smashed 12 home runs in just 105 at-bats. We all know how that season ended.

With 100 percent confidence and without taint or a need for an asterisk, Thomas earned this accolade the right way: cleanly. As the first bona fide slugger from the "steroid era" to be elected to the Hall of Fame, baseball's validation of this is clear. He truly is the hero the South Side needed—and deserved.

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Greg Maddux
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Voting is flawed but Greg Maddux is not

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The voting process for baseball's Hall of Fame is broken. First, we learned that the Miami Herald's Dan Le Batard sold his ballot to Deadspin. If that wasn't bad enough, we now know that 15 voters failed to include Greg Maddux on their ballot.

For a brief moment, the more optimistic among us believed Maddux, who led all candidates with 97.2 percent of the vote, had a chance to be the first player inducted unanimously. That dream was shattered Tuesday, when Dodgers beat writer Ken Gurnick revealed he'd voted only for Jack Morris.

While Gurnick gave a marginally defensible explanation, stating he won't vote for anyone who played during the steroid era, we have yet to hear why 14 others failed to vote for the most dominant pitcher of the 1990s. While fans will never know with certainty who used performance-enhancing drugs, it seemed fairly obvious it wasn't the guy with the body of a 45-year-old real estate agent when he was a 26-year-old Cy Young winner.

All of which begs an important question: If a 300-game winner with a lifetime ERA of 3.16 and the adoration of baseball fans everywhere can't get unanimously elected, who can?

While Cubs and Braves fans are justifiably giddy that Maddux will be enshrined among baseball's greats, he deserved so much better. In an era of players who put their personal gain above the purity of the game, Maddux stood (kind of) tall as one of the few whose skill and integrity were indisputable. It's a shame that 100 percent of the voters failed to recognize that.

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THE STARTING LINE » Northwestern at Iowa, 8 p.m. ESPNU » Texas A&M QB Johnny Manziel, Notre Dame RB George Atkinson III declare for NFL draft

SING IT

One of our panelists is in throwback songs mode. We might just hit him with a wrecking ball.

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1	**Whom will Luol Deng miss most now that he's in Cleveland?**	Me. We hung out all the time. And he didn't even say goodbye. Unreal.	Benny the Bull, because he is so much cooler than Moondog.	He probably missed the front office as soon as he got his Cavs contract typed in Comic Sans.	How about the basketball! Walters and Uncle Drew will make sure he doesn't see it.	Joakim Noah and Nazr Mohammed. They're the only two players whose names can compare to "Luol."
2	**If Andrew Bynum had come to the Bulls ...**	... it would have been ridiculous if we had kept him. Since we didn't, no worries. That guy is the worst.	... Derrick Rose would have had another injury-prone player to share the bench with.	... he would've had an "accident" to free up cap space.	... wives and girlfriends would have security. #ConductDetrimental	Let's not even address that. He's been a big enough disappointment to other teams. We don't need that poison here.
3	**How are the Blackhawks celebrating their Olympic team selections?**	Caviar and champagne from diamond-crusted gold chalices. Which we all have just sitting around, I'm sure.	Drinking anything and everything out of the Stanley Cup all over Sochi.	By wrapping each other in bubble wrap. Hossa gets double.	Vodka and caviar. #MoreDaysOff	Praying no one gets hurt. Seriously, have you seen how many are going? They won't have a team if they get injured.
4	**Brandon Marshall is eyeing his "best year ever." What's that mean?**	Will refrain from bashing the Bears' future right now. But Jay knows how I feel.	Getting a GQ cover shoot with those perfect eyebrows wearing a gold-encrusted bowtie.	He'll play with a competent team next year.	"I got my eye on my money and my money on my mind." #ContractYear	See: **redeyechicago.com/cutlermarshall**. Don't you fail me again this season, Marshall!
5	**Who is Chier Ajou?**	The Internet makes questions like this too easy. Did you know that Cherry Lou is a Filipino actress?	A new benchwarmer in Cleveland. Why would he not follow his cousin?	RedEye, don't you have access to Google? Or did the Trib cut that, too?	Nothing from nothing leaves nothing. Sorry Lu! #FamilyTies	Who is, or what is? I'm confused.

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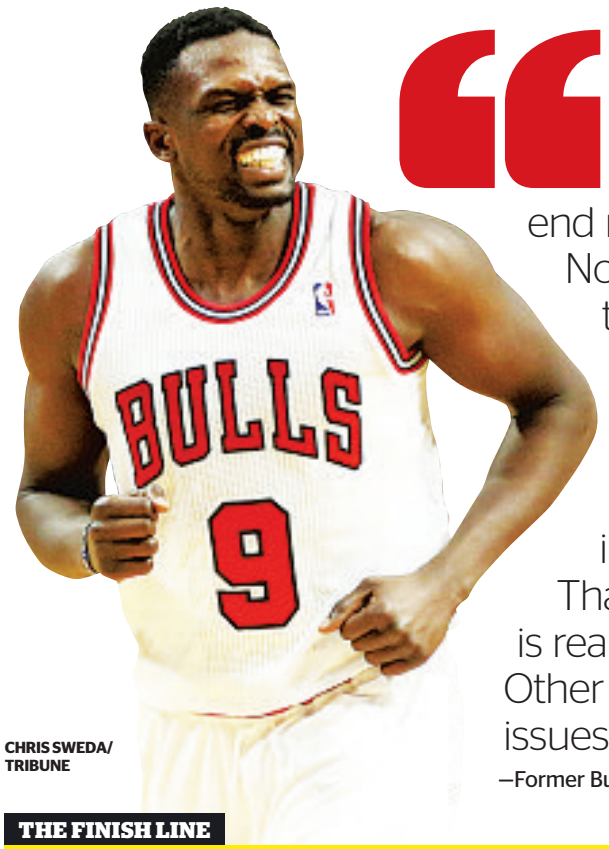

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THE MOUTHWATCH

"I wanted to be in Chicago. I thought I was going to end my career there. Not talking [contract terms] during the summer, did that hurt me? Yeah. ... Who knows what I would've taken in the summer? That's the part that is really bothering me. Other than that, I have no issues at all."

—Former Bulls forward **Luol Deng**

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WINTER WHITE

THIS SEASON IS ALL ABOUT FROTHY EGG COCKTAILS—NOT A NOG IN SIGHT

By Kate Bernot | REDEYE

Eggnog is lucky that fruitcake exists, otherwise it certainly would be the butt of more holiday jokes. Cartons of the thick, overly sugary stuff have convinced many people that eggs belong nowhere near their cocktails—and that's too bad. Plenty of the city's top bartenders are reaching for eggs this winter to add texture and balance to spiced and cold weather-appropriate drinks. Once shaken (this is where the term "vigorously" really applies), the eggs become light, frothy and just the right complement to spirits of all sorts. Skeptical? Order one of these six creations and become reacquainted with the incredible, drinkable egg.

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The Sid Malicious at The Brixton

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Winter Wonder ($11) at Trellis
2426 N. Racine Ave.
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"It has the texture of snow, almost," said Miranda Breedlove, assistant manager at this new Lincoln Park wine bar and the bartender responsible for this gin, prosecco and egg white cocktail. "It reminded everyone of winter." Breedlove enhances the herbal flavors of London dry gin with rosemary and mastiha, a sweet and herbal Greek liqueur that's distilled from the sap of the mastiha tree. A final garnish of lemon zest adds brightness to what Breedlove guarantees is a "very easy-to-drink cocktail."

Foggy Notion ($12) at Nightwood
2119 S. Halsted St.
312-526-3385

After drinking a cup of espresso and a glass of Fernet amaro after a long meal, Nightwood's lead mixologist Eric Davis knew the flavor combination could work in a cocktail. This drink, which hits the Pilsen restaurant's menu Saturday, combines a Fernet Branca base, coffee liqueur from California-based Firelit Spirits, some housemade spiced simple syrup, a small splash of rum and an egg white for creaminess. Fans of egg white cocktails should drink up during the colder weather, though, since those drinks definitely are a seasonal attraction. "It's just the time of the year that you're going to want a richer style of cocktail," Davis said. "I don't think they would be something you'd want to drink in the summer."

Coffee Cocktail ($12) at The Barrelhouse Flat
2624 N. Lincoln Ave.
773-857-0421

The Coffee Cocktail involves no coffee. Seriously. The classic drink, which originated in an 1887 bartenders' recipe book, is simply equal parts cognac and port (at The Barrelhouse Flat in Lincoln Park, it's ruby port), plus simple syrup, a whole egg and a finishing dust of grated nutmeg. "The speculation is that it was named 'Coffee Cocktail' because if it's prepared correctly, it looks something like coffee with cream," creative director Greg Buttera said. "But it could also be because coffee was an after-dinner drink, as this is." Though Buttera said the whole egg adds "density," the texture is not to be confused with eggnog. "This has a more elegant richness."

Sid Malicious ($11) at The Brixton
5420 N. Clark St.
773-961-7358

"I wanted to come up with a drink that used malort but actually tasted good," said Tim Casey, bar manager at this newly opened Andersonville bar and restaurant. Though he admits to not liking the super bitter, dare-you-to-try-it wormwood spirit, Casey knew it had a cult following. After mixing an early version of this drink (named for punk star Sid Vicious) that was just malort, gin and nutmeg, Casey knew it lacked for one last ingredient. "The egg white was the missing link," he said. "Before, the drink was off-balance. The froth of the egg white takes away anything overpowering." But does the cocktail really make malort palatable? Casey thinks so. "I'm impressed by how many people are swayed toward ordering it again."

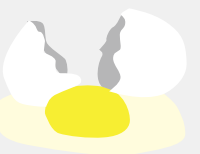
Know Your Magi ($10) at Billy Sunday
3143 W. Logan Blvd.
773-661-2485

Silky in texture and beautiful to look at—those are pine needle skewers that garnish each drink with a spiced golden raisin—this cocktail also contains an ingredient you're unlikely to encounter anywhere else: myrrh. Alex Bachman, head bartender at this Logan Square bar, boils honey with the fragrant tree resin (biblically said to have been a gift from one of the three Magi) as well as almonds, then adds this honey to a base of cognac. The drink also benefits from lemon juice and a splash of Cappelletti, a new-to-Chicago amaro with flavors of orange, vanilla and rose. Shaking in an egg white adds smoothness but also, Bachman said, curbs some of the acidity from the lemon juice.

Saturday Cartoons at Drumbar

Saturday Cartoons ($12) at Drumbar
201 E. Delaware Place
312-924-2531

All the fun of cereal and cartoons ... but with alcohol. Genius. At this Gold Coast bar, bartender Brian Sturgulewski had a goal to create a cocktail that reminded him of "parking himself in front of the TV for too many hours as a kid." He eventually perfected a process of infusing Trinidadian rum with Cinnamon Toast Crunch, to which he adds a touch of bitterness in the form of Averna amaro liqueur, plus a whole egg. The 12-year Zaya rum he chose is heavy on vanilla and graham cracker flavors, which pair well with the cereal's cinnamon and spice. The complete drink is a play on a flip, a classic whole-egg cocktail with a creaminess that replicates the milk that's left in the bowl after you've spooned up all your cereal.



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"Hold up," you're thinking. "Is it healthy to drink something with raw egg in it?" Bartenders get this question a lot, and all of them assure you that eggs are safe to consume in cocktails for two reasons: One, eggs are pasteurized, a process that kills harmful germs. Two, once an egg enters a solution that's higher than 20 percent alcohol—which most cocktails are—salmonella can't survive.

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The Spoils of Babylon
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"The Spoils of Babylon" miniseries is "far superior to anything on television today," writer-producer-director-financier Eric Jonrosh says of his "masterpiece."

The bloated blowhard played by Will Ferrell may be overstating things, but "The Spoils of Babylon" is an entertaining and spot-on spoof of the overdone potboiler miniseries of the 1970s and '80s. From the Funny or Die comedy outfit and airing on IFC, the six-part parody ostensibly is the first-time broadcast of a shortened version of Jonrosh's lost, 22-hour miniseries based on his novel about oil and forbidden love in 20th-century America.

Supposedly filmed "on premium nitrate non-safety 93 mm Tri-X reversal stock" in Breath-Take-a-Scope and Super-Doctored Clydrophonic Sound, the epic tale follows the ill-fated Morehouse family, beginning with unlucky and poor oilman Jonas Morehouse (Tim Robbins) adopting a boy who chooses the name Devon (Tobey Maguire) and raising him alongside his own daughter, Cynthia (Kristen Wiig). Cynthia can't keep her hands—or lips—off Devon, eventually driving him into the arms of Lady Anne (voiced by Carey Mulligan), a mannequin he meets while fighting in World War II.

Haley Joel Osment, Jessica Alba, Val Kilmer and Michael Sheen also star, and Steve Lawrence performs the soaring theme song.

Who is Steve Lawrence, you ask? Don't worry; just listen to the lyrics and laugh along. Even viewers who aren't familiar with the numerous references to the spoof's intended targets or don't realize that Ferrell, in a padded suit and false beard, is doing a marvelous send-up of Orson Welles at his most pompous and rotund, will find much of "Spoils" amusing.

There's plenty of funny in the miniseries' script, co-written by director Matt Piedmont and Andrew Steele with more jokes that hit than miss. And the various sight gags, from cheap miniature sets to Hot Wheels-like toy cars to Halloween-worthy wigs and costumes, had me laughing out loud.

"The end result is nothing less than a masterpiece," Jonrosh says.

I'll just add, "of silliness."

Kristen Wiig
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movies

JAN. 10

Lone Survivor
Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch and Ben Foster star in a fact-based story about a failed military operation in Afghanistan. Peter Berg ("The Kingdom") directs.

The Legend of Hercules
Zeus' half-god son gets the non-animated treatment, starring Kellan Lutz's torso.

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit
Chris Pine steps in as the Tom Clancy-created CIA agent (previously played by Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck) to try to save America and so forth.

JAN. 24

Gimme Shelter
A young woman (Vanessa Hudgens) runs from her abusive mother (Rosario Dawson) in search of support after learning that she's pregnant.

Kevin Hart (right) and Ice Cube in "Ride Along"

JAN. 17

Ride Along
Before he can propose to his girlfriend, a guy (Kevin Hart) must prove his worthiness to her cop brother (Ice Cube)—which includes joining him for a [see movie's title].

Devil's Due
Evanston's Zach Gilford ("Friday Night Lights") gets another chance at movie stardom in this horror flick about—surprise, surprise—a possible evil presence.

I, Frankenstein
In the sort of grandiose silliness that often stars Paul Bettany ("Legion"), Aaron Eckhart plays Dr. Frankenstein's creation, who apparently is just one of many monsters out and about.

JAN. 31

That Awkward Moment
Three dudes (Zac Efron, Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan) bro it up and wind up confronting the possibility of—ahh!—relationships in this raunchy comedy.

Maggie Q (left) and Shailene Woodley in "Divergent"

A 'DIVERGENT' START TO 2014

By Matt Pais | REDEYE

In "Divergent," the Chicago-set adaptation of Veronica Roth's novel that's also the most anticipated movie of early 2014, society is divided into factions emphasizing bravery (Dauntless), honesty (Candor), intelligence (Erudite), selflessness (Abnegation) and peacefulness (Amity). A person inconclusively split between them is called Divergent, and one unable to join a group is Factionless.

With that in mind, let's look at the most notable movies opening between now and April and to which "Divergent" faction they might belong. Hint: Many characters need bravery!

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John Goodman (left) and Matt Damon in "The Monuments Men"

Labor Day
Kate Winslet scored a Golden Globe nod for this Jason Reitman ("Up in the Air")-directed drama about an escaped convict (Josh Brolin) who kidnaps a woman and her son.

FEB. 7

The Monuments Men
A man played by George Clooney rounds up a team to help with a dangerous mission. This isn't "Ocean's Fourteen," though; it's based on the true story of guys protecting valuable works of art during WWII.

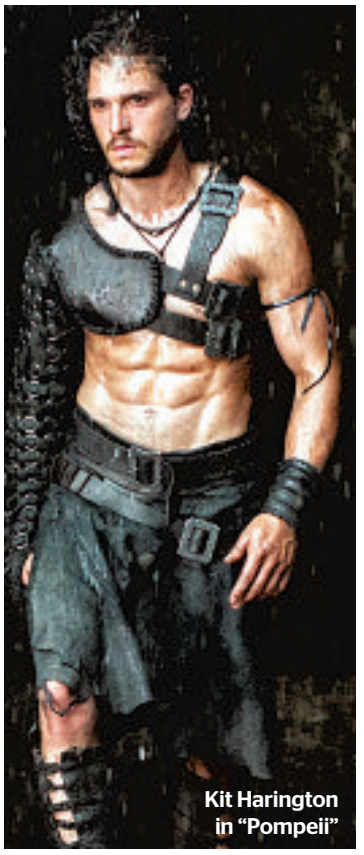
FEB. 12

RoboCop
A reboot (starring non-household-name Joel Kinnaman) may not sound like a good idea, but the involvement of Gary Oldman, Samuel L. Jackson, Jackie Earle Haley and Jay Baruchel counts for something.

FEB. 14

About Last Night
The 1986 Rob Lowe/Demi Moore romantic comedy had no diversity whatsoever and was set in Chicago. The 2014 version moves to L.A. with an African-American cast headlined by Michael Ealy, Joy Bryant, Kevin Hart and Regina Hall.

Winter's Tale
A man (Colin Farrell) travels across space and time or something as he uses powers of reincarnation to save the woman he loves (Jessica Brown Findlay).


Kit Harington in "Pompeii"

Endless Love
What a concept: A story about a wealthy girl (Gabriella Wilde of "Carrie") and a rougher guy (Alex Pettyfer of "Magic Mike"). This looks steamy, though.

FEB. 21

Pompeii
Gladiators! Lava! Romance! Starring Kit Harington of "Game of Thrones."

In Secret
Understandably, a woman (Elizabeth Olsen) prefers a painter (Oscar Isaac of "Inside Llewyn Davis") to the guy who played Draco in "Harry Potter" (Tom Felton). Passion and murder result.

Liam Neeson in "Non-Stop"

"RoboCop"

Barefoot
Scott Speedman ("Felicity") is starring in a movie?! He's the rich guy falling for an unrefined girl (Evan Rachel Wood) who's spent almost her entire life inside. All right, then.

3 Days to Kill
Will a former Secret Service agent (Kevin Costner) bust out his gun again if it could save his life? Of course. It also helps when the offer comes from Amber Heard ("Machete Kills") and you want to stick around for your daughter (Hailee Steinfeld).

FEB. 28

Non-Stop
An air marshal (Liam Neeson) isn't hijacking this plane! He's trying to figure out who's killing people until money is transferred! Co-starring Julianne Moore and Lupita Nyong'o ("12 Years a Slave").

MARCH 7

300: Rise of an Empire
Greeks and Persians return to the battlefield. Sullivan Stapleton ("Strike Back") takes over for Gerard Butler. What does it mean when Butler turns down a movie?

MARCH 14

Need For Speed
Aaron Paul ("Breaking Bad") gets a shot at big-screen stardom in this very "Fast and Furious"-looking action flick about a street racer out for vengeance.

MARCH 21

Divergent
In a dystopian Chicago, Tris (Shailene Woodley) departs Abnegation in hopes of securing a spot among the Dauntless. It won't be easy. Her instructor, Four (Theo James), seems to have her back.

Muppets Most Wanted
A case of mistaken identity lands Kermit in jail and a lookalike thief on track for a jewel heist. Hey, it worked in "The Great Muppet Caper"! Ricky Gervais, Tina Fey and Ty Burrell co-star in the Jason Segel-less sequel.

MARCH 28

Noah
The Biblical figure is now a rugged action hero, played by Russell Crowe and directed by Darren Aronofsky ("Black Swan").

APRIL 4

Captain America: The Winter Soldier
The trailer suggests that the directors of "You, Me and Dupree," jumping in for this sequel to 2011's solid "Captain America: The First Avenger," have done an exciting job with a movie that seems even more Marvel-y than its predecessor. Chris Evans remains a quality choice for the hero.

APRIL 11

Draft Day
Mr. Sports Movie, Kevin Costner, stars with Jennifer Garner and Denis Leary in this story about the Cleveland Browns trying to secure their top draft pick.

St. Vincent de Van Nuys
Any movie starring Bill Murray is exciting, as is a drama with Melissa McCarthy. They both appear in this story about a child of divorce finding guidance through his war vet neighbor.

APRIL 16

Heaven is for Real
Greg Kinnear stars in this adaptation of the New York Times best-selling book, based on the true story of a child believed to have returned from a near-death experience.

APRIL 18

Transcendence
Johnny Depp and Kate Mara star in the directing/co-writing debut for Chicago native cinematographer Wally Pfister.

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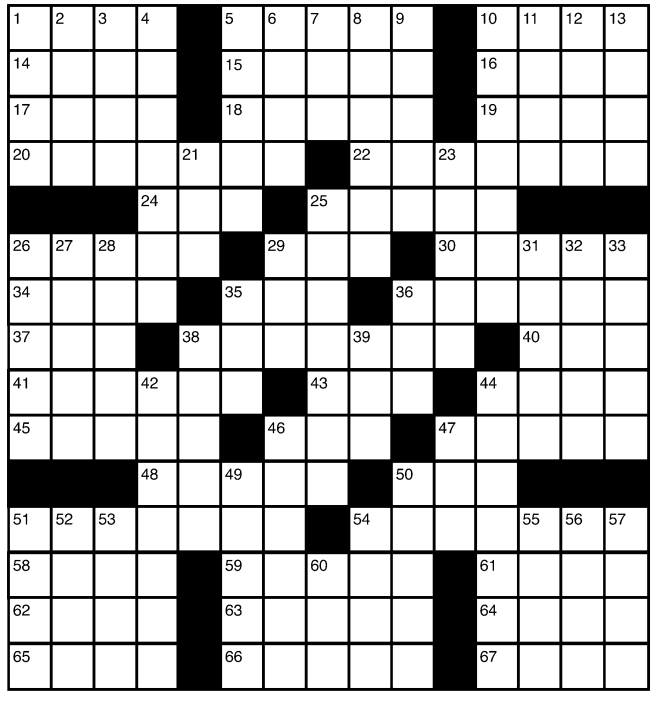

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TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1959: The Western series "Rawhide" premiered on CBS-TV.
2006: "The Phantom of the Opera" passed "Cats" to become the longest-running show in Broadway history.
2012: Bill Daley announced his resignation as President Obama's chief of staff after a little more than a year in the position. Daley cited wanting to spend more time with his family in Chicago.

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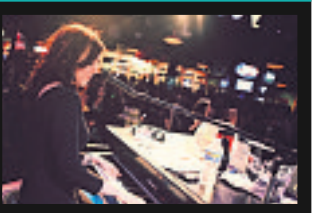

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2012 NBA All-Star Game with Lil Wayne

2006 Soul Train Awards

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His Instagram feed is officially out of control

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

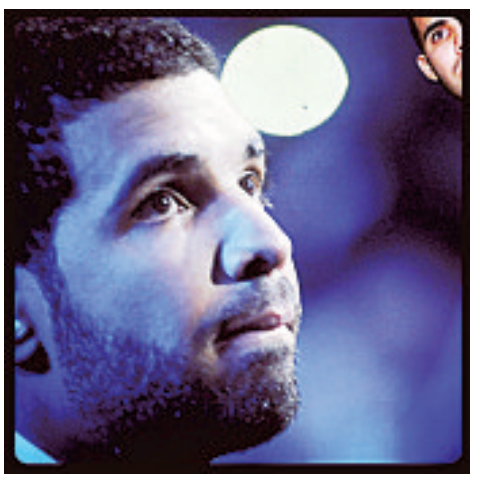
Today's topic is a bit of a long, winding story, but stick with us. This week, Drake posted a video on his Instagram feed of him singing karaoke to Kanye West's "Heartless." While perusing his other posts (handle: Champagnepapi), we noticed that Drake, like us, is a fan of the Drake Shake app. Launched in mid-December, Drake Shake allows you to superimpose a variety of teeny Drakes in your own photos. Or, if you're Drake, superimpose a photo of yourself over a photo of yourself with one speedy shake of the phone.

The possibilities for this obviously are endless (and potentially very X-rated), so we decided to Drake Shake a few of our favorite Drake pics to see what kind of hijinks he might get up to. Insert your own captions! DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

DRAKE MY DAY

'Comeback Season' mixtape cover, 2007

2011 Juno Awards



2011 Juno Awards red carpet

2011 NBA All-Star Game with Rihanna

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red hot

Opening Jan. 24, "Gimme Shelter" is the latest in a long string of movies in which Vanessa Hudgens (now 25) plays a teenager. Would she do that into her 30s if she could? "Yeah! That'd be like the best thing ever," she told RedEye, laughing. "When you're 50, people say you look like you're 30? That's amazing. That's every woman's dream."

Young at heart

Vanessa Hudgens

The write stuff

It's not just the cast of "Saturday Night Live" that's expanding its diversity this month. **Thr.com** reports the show also has added two black women to its writing staff. LaKendra Tookes and Leslie Jones both auditioned during recent casting calls. Tookes and Jones will start their jobs Monday, while new cast member Sasheer Zamata makes her on-screen debut Jan. 18. Bring on the funny, ladies!

Ransom tweet

It's not like we haven't already seen Lindsay Lohan naked—but the world might be about to get more photos than it's bargained for. LiLo's laptop, which according to TMZ holds naked photos, was swiped from the Shanghai airport Tuesday. She tweeted out a reward offer, but mayhaps those pics are worth a little more to the tabloids?

HOT DATE
JUNE 19
That's when "Holler if Ya Hear Me," a new musical inspired by Tupac Shakur, will open on Broadway, the New York Times reports. The $8 million production will include songs like "California Love" but won't be biographical; instead producers call it an original story about "friendship, family, revenge, change and hope."

LIFE AND DEATH SITUATION

"Gone Girl" stars Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike are scary hot—even at the morgue. The Jan. 17 issue of Entertainment Weekly features one of the first images of the duo in character as Nick and Amy Dunne. The flick, which according to IMDB is set for an Oct. 3 release, is adapted from Chicagoan Gillian Flynn's breakout novel. We can't wait to see more!

THE QUOTE

"I don't lick them or touch them. They're just there to look at."

—**Questlove**, to Vulture, on storing his Grammys on top of the toilet

Questlove
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